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Title:

OXIDE HIGH-

TEMPERATURE

SUPERCONDUCTING WIRE

AND METHOD OF

PRODUCING THE SAME

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of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

[] Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

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- [X] Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (45 pages).
- [X] Formal drawings (17 sheets, Figures 1-34).

- [X] Copy Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages).
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- [] Preliminary Amendment.
- [X] Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

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